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**FY 05-06 CIVIC ART REPORT AND FY 06-07 PLAN
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the FY 05-06 Civic Art Report and FY 06-07 Plan.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On December 7, 2004, your Board adopted the County's first Civic Art Policy. The policy established that a 1% civic art allocation be applied to eligible capital projects approved by your Board beginning in Fiscal Year 05-06. It also specified that an annual Civic Art Plan, reporting on the status of on-going projects and making recommendations for new projects, would be submitted to your Board.

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The attached Civic Art Report and Plan details new and ongoing civic art projects, conservation projects, public information, and other activities undertaken during the year. It was developed with extensive input from your offices, CAO Capital Projects and departmental staff, and Public Works project managers.

Laura Zucker
Executive Director

It was initially envisioned that the annual civic art plan would be developed in conjunction with the budget process. But as capital projects are approved individually throughout the fiscal year, as well as in the supplemental, mid-year and final budget actions, submittal of an annual plan as part of the proposed budget would not accurately capture all projects funded within the coming fiscal year. We are therefore presenting this report after approval of the supplemental budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence because civic art expands the County's cultural resources, enhancing the environment, quality of life, property values and the economy.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funds were allocated to the Civic Art Special Fund for Fiscal Year 05-06 in the April 18, 2006 mid-year appropriation adjustment and the Fiscal Year 06-07 supplemental budget adjustment on September 26, 2006. Special projects were funded through Department Service Orders and other funding sources as identified in the attached report and plan.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zucker
Executive Director

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FY 05-06 CIVIC ART REPORT AND FY 06-07 PLAN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FY 05-06 Accomplishments

The Board of Supervisors approved the County's first Civic Art Policy in December of 2004. It called for launching of a Civic Art Program in fiscal year 2005-06. A Civic Art Director was recruited and began working in November 2005, followed by a Civic Art Coordinator in January 2006 and a contract Project Manager in April 2006. As specified in the policy, a pre-qualified list of over 100 experienced artists was assembled and made ready for use by February 2006. In March, staff began managing the first artist selection process.

Establishment of the initial list of eligible civic art projects was complex and time consuming. It required the CAO Capital Projects group to review all active County capital projects and assess each project's eligibility. In launching the program, it was important that the Civic Art Program join project teams at the right stage. Many projects were well into design, and adding an artist to the mix at that point could have disrupted the schedule and impacted costs. Other projects were financed by funding sources, i.e. grants, that limited how and when funds for art could be used.

On April 18, 2006, your Board approved mid-year capital projects budget adjustments which included a civic art allocation for FY 05-06 totaling \$1.3 million and a list of 24 eligible capital projects. On September 26, 2006, the supplemental budget adjustment identified additional capital projects and funds which increased the Civic Art Special Fund total to \$1.5 million.

In addition to managing projects identified through the capital projects budget process, civic art staff has worked on a number of other special projects and have taken over the management of civic art pilot projects launched prior to the establishment of the policy. This report includes a summary of these projects, in addition to those funded through the Civic Art Special Fund.

FY 06-07 (Supplemental Budget) Financial Summary

Civic Art Special Fund	85% for Art	15% for Admin	Total 1% Allocation
First Supervisorial District Projects	\$758,000	\$135,000	\$893,000
Second Supervisorial District Projects	\$239,000	\$43,000	\$281,000
Third Supervisorial District Projects	\$112,000	\$18,000	\$130,000
Fourth Supervisorial District Projects	\$86,000	\$16,000	\$102,000
Fifth Supervisorial District Projects	\$92,000	\$17,000	\$109,000
Various Capital Projects	\$48,000	\$8,000	\$56,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,335,000	\$237,000	\$1,571,000
Other Funds			
Public Works DSO (South Whittier Shuttle)	\$25,000		
ICO Development (LA County Admin Building)		\$42,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$25,000	\$42,000	\$67,000
TOTAL	\$1,360,000	\$279,000	\$1,638,000

First Supervisorial District Project Plans

Fire Department

Eastern Avenue Headquarters Building

Plan: An artist will be commissioned to work with the developer's design team to complete the design of the Memorial Plaza, incorporating vertical panels from an existing Fire Department memorial on the site. The artist may also participate in the design of the overall plaza and public areas of the building. So that Fire Department artifacts and artworks can be properly exhibited in the new headquarters building, an exhibition coordinator will be hired to organize displays.

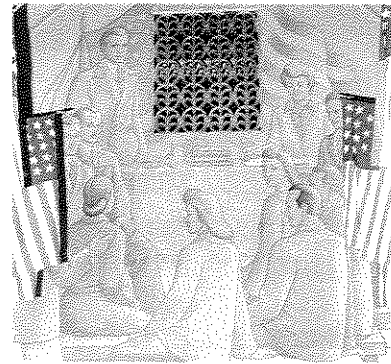
Proposed Expenditure: \$700,000

Military & Veterans Affairs

Patriotic Hall Refurbishment

Plan: Investigate the location condition of a 3-part 1942 WPA (Federal Art Project) mural by artist Helen Lundeberg (1908-1999) and determine costs to fully restore. Determine if mural is in the lobby but painted over and evaluate whether any pieces are missing.

Proposed Expenditure: \$26,000



WPA mural by Helen Lundeberg

Parks and Recreation

Allen Martin Park Community Building

Plan: Commission an artist to add unique artistic elements to two small prefabricated buildings, so as to make them more appealing to the community.

Proposed Expenditure: \$23,000 (*combines funds from Rimgrove, Salazar, and Whittier Narrows Parks*)

Sheriff

East Los Angeles Satellite Station

Plan: One of the East LA Civic Center artists will be commissioned to create an artwork for the exterior of the station facing the Civic Center, the resulting artwork will help visually link the station to the overall Civic Center area.

Proposed Expenditure: \$9,000 (*grant funded; must be spent on project site; combines additional funds from the Communication Fleet Management Office Space refurbishment project*)

Second Supervisorial District Project Plans

Parks and Recreation

Bethune Park Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Commission an artist to participate in the design of the refurbished pool building and contribute a permanent artwork for that building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$20,000

Campanella Park and Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Commission an artist to participate in the design of the refurbished pool building and contribute a permanent artwork for that building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$23,000

Carver Park and Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Commission an artist to participate in the design of the refurbished pool building and contribute a permanent artwork for that building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$19,000

Enterprise Park and Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Commission an artist to create a custom tile mural for the entrance to the refurbished pool building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$23,000

Lennox Park Pool Building Replacement

Plan: Commission an artist to participate in the design of the refurbished pool building and contribute a permanent artwork for that building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$20,000

Mona Park and Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Commission an artist to participate in the design of the refurbished pool building and contribute a permanent artwork for that building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$22,000

Ted Watkins Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Commission an artist to create a custom tile mural for the entrance to the refurbished pool building.

Proposed Expenditure: \$41,000

Public Library

Lawndale Library

Plan: Commission an artist to collaborate on the design of the new library building located in center of the Lawndale Civic Center.

Proposed Expenditure: \$71,000

Third Supervisorial District Project Plans

Beaches and Harbors

Blocker Beach Access Improvements

Plan: Hold funds pending resolution of land acquisition.

Proposed Expenditure: \$9,000

Will Roger Coastline View Pier

Plan: Hire an artist to produce an enhancement (i.e., benches, sculptures, etc.) for this parking lot and pier view on Pacific Coast Highway across from the entrance to the Getty Villa.

Proposed Expenditure: \$14,000

Public Library

Topanga Library

Plan: Artists Norman Grochowski, Matt and Paul Doolin, Megan Rice, and James Sullivan have been commissioned to create artworks for the new library. Grochowski will create a large flower-like book sculpture for the terrace; Sullivan will make a custom ceramic tile "welcome mat" for the main entrance; Matt and Paul Doolin will fabricate a round ceramic mural mirroring the building's central façade window (see image at right); and Megan Rice will produce sculptures of children and animals for the children's area.

Proposed Expenditure: \$89,000

(includes a \$18,000 contribution from the Third District's Economic Development Fund)



Tile mural rendering by Matt and Paul Doolin

Fourth Supervisorial District Project Plans

Parks and Recreation

Cerritos Park Turf

Plan: Commission artist to enhance public spaces of the park.

Proposed Expenditure: \$86,000 (*includes \$4,000 allocated from the Bill Blevins New Restroom project*)

Fifth Supervisorial District Project Plans

Parks and Recreation

Loma Alta Park Pool Refurbishment

Plan: Hold funding until Civic Art Allocation on Loma Alta Community Building is available. Focus funds on artwork that will enhance the Park's main entrance plaza off Lincoln Avenue.

Proposed Expenditure: \$10,000 (will utilize FY06-07 Loma Alta Civic Art Allocation, as it becomes available to increase the overall art budget; amount tbd)

Placerita Canyon Park Nature Center

Plan: Hold funds to improve the exhibits and displays once the Center's buildings are reconstructed. Should animal murals on exterior beams be lost during the reconstruction, consider hiring an artist to create new murals.

Proposed Expenditure: \$9,000

Stephen Sorensen Park

Plan: Hold funding for future Sorensen improvements or use for another 5th District Parks project.

Proposed Expenditure: \$1,000

Public Library

La Crescenta Library

Plan: Accomplished trompe l'oeil muralist Even Wilson and master stained glass artists R. Douglas and Tim Gibbs have been selected to work with community representatives and Carde-Ten Architects to develop unique artworks for the library.

Proposed Expenditure: \$72,000

Various Capital Projects Project Plans

COA – Office Refurbishment

Plan: Work collaboratively with County museums and ISD to develop optional screensavers for County employees highlighting County artistic treasures and visual assets.

Proposed Expenditure: \$6,000

Public Works – Various Building and Safety Permit Office

Plan: Enhance Permit Offices with artwork and displays to make the offices more appealing for members of the public who spend time there waiting.

Proposed Expenditure: \$42,000

Special Projects by District

First and Fourth Supervisorial District

South Whittier "Sunshine" Shuttle Identity Package

Plan: Environmental Designers Selbert Perkins were hired to work closely with a community committee, appointed by the First and Fourth Districts, to develop an identity package (bus design, bus stop sign, logo, street pole pennants and name for the service).

Funding: \$25,000 via Public Works DSO (Proposition A, Local Return Funds)



First Supervisorial District

Hall of Records Reflection Pond and Artwall Restoration

Plan: Full restoration of the reflecting pond and artwall on the Hall of Records building facing Temple Street. Civic Art staff prepared a proposal for funding, worked with ISD on development of budget estimate, and made a presentation to the CAO to secure funding.

Funding: \$290,000 Deferred Maintenance in FY 06-07 Budget (CAO)

Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center

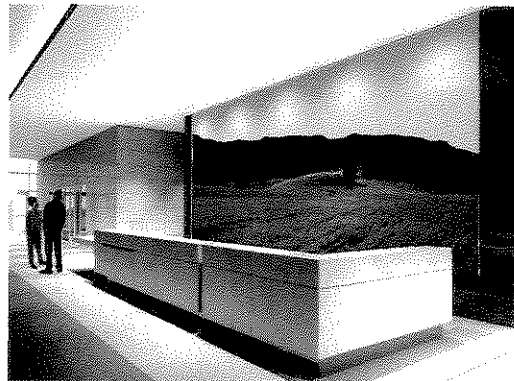
Artist Susan Schwartzenberg has designed a memorial installation for the lobby and plaza area which graphically and textually commemorates the life and achievements of Foltz, the first woman to practice law in California and a founder of the modern public defender system. This pilot project is being managed cooperatively with CAO, Courts and ISD

Funding: \$340,000 for design, fabrication and installation of artwork (Courts funds)

Second Supervisorial District

Los Angeles Administration Building

Artist Ken Gonzales-Day has designed four large photographic ceramic tile murals for various locations around exterior and interior walls. His images of traditional California oak trees and landscapes will bring a calming and greening impact on the project. Civic Art staff has provided art consultant services to ICO Vermont, LLC, a private developer who is developing the project for 30 year lease by four County departments: Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services, Child Support Services, and Mental Health.



Funding: \$42,000 for administrative services to oversee project through installation
(private developer contribution received in FY05-06)

Special Projects County-wide

Resource List of PreQualified Artists

Plan: Develop a diverse list of experienced artists for possible civic art commissions. Organize artist qualification and digital images of past work for easy access for efficient artist selection processes.

Funding: Civic Art Administrative Funds

Inventory and Web Page of County-Owned Public Art

Plan: Develop a database to record and track information on all County-owned public art. Work with County departments to identify public art on all County-owned buildings and properties. Photograph and write descriptions of each artwork and add to Arts Commission web page so that staff and visitors have more information about and locate these artworks.

Funding: Civic Art Administrative Funds

Baseline Conservation Assessments

Plan: Contract with an art conservator to review, document, assess the condition of, and make recommendations for care and treatment of County-owned public art, especially historic artworks.

Funding: Civic Art Administrative Funds

Artist Mailing List

Plan: Working cooperatively with other major public art programs in Los Angeles County (i.e., MTA, City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica, and City of Long Beach), develop an on-line shared database for management of artist contact information. This will enable artists to make sure they are notified of public art opportunities throughout the County and provide a valuable time-saving resource to public art programs within the County.

Funding: Civic Art Administrative Funds